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SUBJECT: INFORMAL GROUP POSTPONES ROME JCMB MEETING

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1.(SBU) A May 27 meeting of the JCMB Informal Group of significant donor ambassadors failed to reach consensus to hold the third quarter JCMB VI meeting in Rome on the margins of the July 3 Rule of Law conference. Germany, the U.K., the EU, and the IFIs opposed the proposed Rome JCMB add-on meeting. However, the group recommended that the next JCMB that is held outside Afghanistan could be hosted by Italy. UNAMA will work with its Afghan counterparts to set a date later in July to hold JCMB VI in Kabul.

2.(SBU) The group agreed that the overarching discussion theme for JCMB VI should be regional economic cooperation. Energy, elections, and DIAG should be specific topics the meeting would address. Civil aviation may also be an issue that may be brought before the Board.

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